



POINT JUDITH, 1966

WPB 82345

Builder: J.M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corp., Tacoma, WA

Commissioned: 26 July 1966

Decommissioned: 15 January 1992

Disposition: Transferred to Venezuela, 15 January 1992

Length: 82'10" oa, 78' bp

Navigation Draft: 5'11" max (1960)

Beam: 17'7" max

Displacement: 69 fl; 60 light (1960)

Main Engines: 2 Cummins diesel (see class history)

BHP: 1,600

Performance, Maximum Sustained: 18.0 kts, 542-mi radius (1,600 hp, 1963)

Performance, Economic: 9.4 kts, 1,500-mi radius (1,600 hp, 1963)

Maximum Speed: 22.9 kts (1963)

Fuel Capacity: 1,840 gal

Complement: 8 men (1960), 2 officers, 8 men (1965)

Electronics:

Radar: SPN-11, CR-103 (1960), or SPS-64

Armament: 1 x 20mm (1960), 5 x .50 cal mg, 1 x 81 mm mortar (Vietnam service)

Class history—The 82-foot patrol boats have mild steel hulls and aluminum superstructures. Longitudinally framed construction was used to save weight.

These boats were completed with a variety of power plants. 82301 through 82313, 82315 through 82317, and 82319 through 82331 were powered by two Cummins 600-hp diesels. Boats 82318 and 82332 through 82379 received two Cummins 800-hp diesels. The 82314 was fitted with two 1,000-hp gas turbines and controllable-pitch propellers. The purpose of this installation was to permit the service to evaluate the propulsion equipment. All units were eventually fitted with the 800-hp diesels. Units remaining in 1990 were re-equipped with Caterpillar diesels.

WPB 82301 through 82344 were commissioned without names; at that time the Coast Guard did not name patrol craft shorter than 100 feet. In January 1964 they were assigned names.

Ship's history:

The *Point Judith* was stationed at San Pedro, CA, from 1966 to 1972. She was used for law enforcement and search and rescue operations. On 8 March 1970, she fought fire and rescued the operator of F/V *Mikki Sue* off Long Beach, CA. On 13 July 1970, she towed the disabled cutter *Point Barrow* to San Pedro.

She was stationed at Santa Barbara, CA, from 1973. She was used for aids to navigation and search and rescue operations. On 15 June 1983, she helped the U.S. Custom Service seize the Greenpeace vessel *Pacific Peacemaker*, which was attempting to disrupt a test of the MX missile off Vandenberg Air Force Base. On 22 November 1984, she seized the yacht *Mir* 5.5 miles off Santa Rosa Island with 7 tons of marijuana on board. On 21 September 1987, she assisted following a collision between M/Vs *Pacharones* and *Atlantic Wing* 15 miles southwest of Point Conception.

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